GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INLAND WATER TRANSPORT
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to increase the inland water transport facilities in the country during Tenth Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. During the 10th Plan the Government have planned to stabilize and strengthen and upgrade the infrastructure on the existing national waterways in term of river control providing adequate depth, terminal with mechanical facilities and navigational aids. The Government also proposes to expand the existing coverage from 19-20 % under existing three national waterways to 38-40% of the entire waterways by declaring new waterways.